

# Seattle Central Waterfront Plan



Over the years Seattle's central waterfront has evolved from a frontier wilderness to a major economic center--fueling growth in the Northwest and beyond. As the condition of the structurally-damaged Alaskan Way Viaduct and weakened seawall has thrust the waterfront towards yet another major milestone in its evolution, City planners are working to take advantage of this once-in-a-century opportunity to create a waterfront that will meet Seattle's changing needs.



Conditions on Seattle's Central Waterfront have not been addressed through a comprehensive planning process in over 15 years. The urgent need to replace or rebuild the Alaskan Way Viaduct, and the project's potential as a catalyst for major changes along its route, have sparked interest in the future of the Central Waterfront.



The purpose of the Central Waterfront Planning effort is to define a community vision for the future of this important community resource -- a vision that realizes the area's role as the city's "front porch"-- and to develop an implementation program that will turn the vision into a reality. More than a public improvement plan, this effort also focuses on potential new uses and functions for waterfront shoreline areas and abutting upland areas.